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Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-sixth session

Addendum

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions recommended to the Economic and Social Council for adoption

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission on the Status of Women, at its thirty-sixth session, has recommended to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of a number of draft resolutions and decisions and the endorsement of resolutions adopted by the Commission, as contained in chapter I of its report (E/1992/24-E/CN.6/1992/13).

2. The present statement deals with the programme budget implications of draft resolutions IV, V and VII, draft decision II and Commission resolution 36/4, which, if adopted or endorsed by the Council, would have implications for the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Programme budget implications of Commission resolution 36/8, entitled "Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace", are presented in an addendum to the present document.

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3. The activities arising from draft resolutions IV, V and VII, draft decision II and Commission resolution 36/4 under consideration and related requirements at full cost have been analysed against the programme of work reflected in programme 27 (Advancement of women) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 1/ and related resources approved under sections 21 (Social development and humanitarian affairs) and 32 (Conference services) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 2/ The resulting additional activities and related additional requirements for the biennium 1992-1993 are detailed in annexes I to V to the present statement.

I. SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993

4. Should the Economic and Social Council adopt draft resolutions IV, V and VII and draft decision II recommended by the Commission on the Status of Women in its report:

(a) The Council would support the request of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to extend its twelfth session, scheduled to be held at Vienna in 1993, by five working days, and would recommend that three weeks be allocated for each subsequent session until the Committee removes its backlog in considering reports (draft resolution IV);

(b) The Commission on the Status of Women would convene in 1992 an inter-sessional working group at Vienna to develop a draft declaration on violence against women (draft resolution V);

(c) The Commission, during its thirty-seventh session, would establish an open-ended working group to consider its contribution to the World Conference on Human Rights (draft resolution VII);

(d) The Commission, during its thirty-seventh session, would have four additional meetings, with interpretation services, to be held simultaneously with the plenary meetings of the Commission, for the purpose of considering, in informal meetings, the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace (draft decision II).

5. Should the Economic and Social Council endorse Commission resolution 36/4, consultancy services would be required for the preparation of a report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-eighth session on the integration of elderly women into development.

6. The additional resource requirements for the biennium 1992-1993 resulting from the additional activities referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, which are reviewed in some detail in annexes I to V to this statement, are summarized as follows:

Draft resolution/ decision number	Title of draft resolution/decision	Additional requirements for the biennium 1992-1993 under the regular budget (In United States dollars)		
		Travel of representatives	Consultancy	Conference-servicing requirements (at full cost)
Draft resolution IV	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women	40 000	-	74 400
Draft resolution V	Violence against women in all its forms	140 000	-	139 400
Draft resolution VII	Advancement of women and human rights	-	-	98 000
Draft decision II	Request for additional conference facilities during the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women	-	-	64 400
Commission resolution 36/4	Integration of elderly women into development	-	30 000	-
	Total	180 000	30 000	376 200

II. PROPOSALS FOR ACCOMMODATION OF ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN 1992-1993 AND RELATED ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

7. Should the Economic and Social Council adopt draft resolutions IV, V and VII and draft decision II and endorse Commission resolution 36/4, the approved programme of work under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 would be increased by the additional activities detailed in paragraphs 4 and 5 above. The estimated additional costs for implementation of those activities, other than conference-servicing costs, would amount to $210,000, as summarized in paragraph 6 above.

8. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and in effect starting with the biennium 1990-1991, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that can exceed resources available from the contingency fund, those activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of approved activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred to a later biennium.

9. In the event that resources are not available from the contingency fund for additional requirements of $30,000 for consultancy services required to carry out the work recommended by the Commission in its resolution 36/4, a low-priority activity under subprogramme 1 of section 21 C, namely, the publication on achievements of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and obstacles encountered in implementing the Convention, would be postponed to the biennium 1994-1995.

10. No activities within section 21 have been identified for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification during the current biennium to finance the remaining additional requirements of $180,000 which relate to travel of representatives to meetings. In the event that the resources from the contingency fund are not available, those activities would have to be postponed.

11. With regard to estimated requirements for subsequent years (draft resolution IV, see annex I), appropriate proposals would be made in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

12. The estimates of conference-servicing costs ($376,200) resulting from the adoption of draft resolutions IV, V and VII and draft decision II, presented in annexes I to IV, are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing costs requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 32 of the programme budget, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be

determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1992-1993. However, as indicated in paragraph 32.4 of the programme budget, the 1992-1993 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings known at the time of the budget preparations but also meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1992-1993 was consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 32 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of draft resolutions IV, V and VII and draft decision II.

13. In conclusion, subject to the guidelines for operation and use of the contingency fund, an additional appropriation in the amount of $210,000 would be required under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. Should the Economic and Social Council decide to adopt the resolutions and decision under consideration, the revised estimates under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 would be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. II.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vols. I and II.

Annex I

PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION IV ENTITLED "CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN"

1. Under the terms of paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, the Economic and Social Council would support the request of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women for additional meeting time and the proposal that the Committee's twelfth session should be of three weeks' duration.

2. Under the terms of paragraph 2, the Economic and Social Council would recommend that three weeks be allocated for each subsequent session of the Committee until the Committee removes the backlog in considering reports.

3. The Committee has 23 members and currently meets for 10 days annually, alternately in New York and Vienna. In addition, a pre-session working group of five experts meets annually for five working days. The Committee members are entitled to subsistence allowance and travel costs. The 1993 meeting, the twelfth session of the Committee, and its pre-session working group, is scheduled to meet at Vienna.

4. The extension of the twelfth session by one week would necessitate the payment of additional subsistence for seven days; conference-servicing would be required for the additional five days. No additional honoraria will be payable to the members.

5. Should it be decided that the twelfth session of the Committee be extended by one week, the estimates, on a full-cost basis, are as follows:

Section 21

Additional subsistence for 23 members	40 000

Section 32

Additional meetings for 5 days

Meeting servicing (10 meetings, A,C,E,F,R,S)	74 400

6. Should the Economic and Social Council support the request of the Committee, it would recommend that the General Assembly endorse the request for the extension of the twelfth session of the Committee in 1993 by one week. Should the General Assembly endorse that request, it is estimated that $40,000 would be required under section 21.

7. As indicated in paragraph 12 of this statement, it is estimated that no additional appropriations would be required for section 32 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, should the Council adopt the draft resolution.

8. With regard to the estimated requirements for subsequent years, appropriate proposals would be made, subject to the approval of the General Assembly of the additional week for subsequent sessions of the Committee, to the General Assembly in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Annex II

PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION V ENTITLED "VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN ALL ITS FORMS"

1. Under the terms of paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the Economic and Social Council would decide to convene in 1992 at Vienna an inter-sessional working group of the Commission on the Status of Women, open to all Member States and observer States, to further develop a draft declaration on violence against women, taking into account the draft declaration contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.6/1992/4) and to report to the Commission, at its thirty-seventh session, with a view to recommending a draft declaration to the General Assembly for adoption, through the Economic and Social Council. The programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 does not include provision for the holding of such an inter-sessional working group.

2. Should the draft resolution be adopted, the inter-sessional working group would be held at Vienna for five working days in 1992. The working group would consist of the 45 members of the Commission, who would be entitled to receive travel expenses, but no daily subsistence allowance. In addition, one participant from each of two national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and other organizations having received a standing invitation to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly as observers would be entitled to travel and daily subsistence allowance. Provision would also be necessary for the travel and subsistence of one staff member from Headquarters to service the meeting.

3. Should the Economic and Social Council decide to convene the inter-sessional working group, the estimates, on a full-cost basis, are as follows:

Additional travel for 45 members and other participants as indicated in paragraph 2 above	140 000
Travel of staff	5 000
Section 32	
Additional meeting for 5 days	
Meeting servicing (10 meetings, A,C,E,F,R,S)	73 600
In-session/post session documentation	65 800
	139 400

4. Should the Economic and Social Council decide that an inter-sessional working group of the Commission be held in 1992, it is estimated that $140,000 would be required under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. An additional $5,000 for the travel and subsistence of one staff member to service the meeting can be met within existing resources for the biennium 1992-1993.

5. As indicated in paragraph 12 of this statement, no additional appropriations would be required for section 32 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, should the Council adopt this draft resolution.

Annex III

PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION VII ENTITLED "ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND HUMAN RIGHTS"

1. Under the terms of paragraph 6 of the draft resolution, the Economic and Social Council would request the Commission to establish, during its thirty-seventh session, an open-ended working group to consider its contribution to the World Conference on Human Rights.

2. The thirty-seventh session of the Commission will take place at Vienna in 1993. The Commission meets for eight working days, with two meetings per day. The programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 does not include provision for the additional meetings as recommended in the draft resolution.

3. The holding of an open-ended working group of the Commission would require conference-servicing for four days, with one meeting per day. Should it be decided that an open-ended working group of the Commission be convened during its thirty-seventh session, the estimates, on a full-cost basis, are as follows:

Section 32

Pre-session documentation (A,C,E,F,R,S)	33 600
Meeting servicing (4 meetings, A,C,E,F,R,S)	30 400
In-session documents (A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 000
	98 000

4. As indicated in paragraph 12 of this statement, no additional appropriations would be required for section 32 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, should the Council adopt the draft resolution.

Annex IV

PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT DECISION II ENTITLED "REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE FACILITIES DURING THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN"

1. Under the terms of the draft decision, the Council would decide to approve the convening of four additional meetings, with interpretation services, to be held simultaneously with the plenary meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women during the thirty-seventh session, for the purpose of considering, in informal meetings, the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace.

2. The thirty-seventh session of the Commission will take place at Vienna in 1993. The Commission meets for eight working days, with two meetings per day. The programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 does not include provision for the additional meetings as recommended in the draft decision.

3. The estimated cost of holding four additional meetings, with interpretation services, to be held simultaneously with the plenary meetings, on a full-cost basis, are as follows:

Section 32

In-session documentation (A,C,E,F,R,S)	34 000
Meeting servicing (4 meetings, A,C,E,F,R,S)	30 400
	64 400

4. As indicated in paragraph 12 of this statement, no additional appropriations would be required for section 32 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, should the Council adopt the draft decision.

Annex V

PROGRAMME BUDGET IMPLICATIONS OF RESOLUTION 36/4 ENTITLED "INTEGRATION OF ELDERLY WOMEN INTO DEVELOPMENT"

1. Under the terms of paragraph 11 of the draft resolution, the Economic and Social Council would invite the Secretary-General to report to the Commission at its thirty-eighth session on the establishment, on a country-by-country basis, of profiles concerning the present and future situation of women at all stages of their lives; an evaluation of analytical methods permitting the establishment of strategies and programmes for the integration of women in development; and the inclusion of gender criteria in numerical targets concerning ageing being prepared by the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, and to report on the implementation of those programmes and targets to the International Conference on Population and Development, in 1994, and to the Fourth World Conference on Women, in 1995.

2. The report called for in the resolution would need to be prepared during 1992 and 1993. It is estimated that the implementation of the draft resolution would require nine work-months of consultancy at the P-3 level. The related costs of $45,000 could be accommodated in part from the consultancy provision already provided in the programme for the biennium 1992-1993 through reassignment of priorities. Appropriated funds in the amount of $15,000 could be utilized for the purpose.

3. Should the Council endorse the Commission's recommendation, additional resource requirements of $30,000 would have to be met under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. If resources cannot be made available from the contingency fund, it is proposed that the work related to the low-priority activity under subprogramme 1 of section 21 C, namely, the publication on achievements of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and obstacles encountered in implementing the Convention, be postponed to the biennium 1994-1995.